YPSILANTI CATHOLIC

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LITURGICALLY SPEAKING YOUR COMMENTS

by Sister Mary A. O'Connell, O.P.

COMMENT: "The choir separates the music too much. The congregation should participate more in this area (if that's possible). Young people should be encouraged to participate more, this may help get things moving." COMMENT: "Suggest Choir be used at a Mass other than the 11 o'clock. That Mass has better participation in the singing. Why not use the Choir at a Mass where the congregation is less willing to join in the singing?" COMMENT: "Put Choir in front of church. May help the singing response." COMMENT: "Choir should be arranged up front." COMMENT: "I prefer public singing instead of Choir." COMMENT: "St. John's is clearly the best locally. However, the choir is usurping the singing of the congregation!" COMMENT: "Some of the hymns through the Mass would be effective sung by one person or by Choir." COMMENT: (excerpted) "In September, we noticed that the choir was taking away from the unity of the worship service - that there was less congregational singing - and more of the old Council of Trent, sit back, and listen to the choir attitude. I really do not believe that a choir helps the Liturgical service in this way ... I think that the Liturgical service, which is supposed to be the PUBLIC worship of our God - should in fact be the expression of ALL people, and singing is a very unifying factor in our public worship."

RESPONSE: A very strong affirmation of the worshiper's responsibility to be actively involved in prayer and singing appears in these comments; an attitude which I support with total conviction. At this time in the history of our Church, we are emerging from a time when the "sit back and listen attitude" was the accepted custom and practice. It is natural for those who welcome the new found freedom of expression, to react strongly against anything which might detract from their full participation. The Documents of Vatican II seem to lend balance to this problem: (Chapter VI, Article 114) "The treasure of scared music is to be preserved and fostered with very great care. Choirs must be diligently promoted, especially in cathedral churches; but bishops and other pastors of souls must be at pains to ensure that, whenever the sacred action is to be celebrated with song, the whole body of the faithful may be able to contribute that active participation which is rightly theirs."

The Choir is never intended to replace the singing of the congregation. In planning the Liturgy which used Choir (11:00), the role of the Choir is twofold; to LEAD the singing of the congregation and to enhance the beauty of the Liturgy by giving musical offerings which would be too difficult for a congregation to sing, but which are faith expressions meant to inspire the faithful to a greater love of God as reflected in higher forms of art. Our choir does very little solo work intentionally. The congregation is invited to sing with the choir leading their efforts. Since the Communion time seems

the most difficult to pull together, this is often used for solo works, but even then, after the congregational hymn has been sung by the people. It is not by the choir's choice that the hymn becomes a solo, nor by mine when I often end up singing a Communion song all by myself at the other Masses. I would not be able to agree with the comment regarding participation being "better" at the 11:00 Mass. I attend all sung Masses every week-end either as song leader or choir director, and I'm afraid that the "placement" of the choir at a particular time does not hold up as a valid excuse for lack of participation from the congregation. No one "Mass" is consistently best in participation. They all have their bad times and their good times. If each member of the congregation were willing to put as much time, effort, and commitment into his worship, as each choir member does ... what a glorious expression of our faith we could offer "together."

FIFTY GOLDEN YEARS

The enthusiastic friends and family from near and far gathered Saturday evening in our parish church to celebrate 50 years of wedded life of two people still very young at heart, Mr. and Mrs. William Davis, Sr. of 105 W. Cross Street. The Golden Anniversary Mass, celebrated by Fr. Harvey, was prepared by two of the daughters of the honored couple, Mrs. Ronald (Catherine) Guidebeck and Mrs. Jerry (RoseMarie) Stauch). All of the family, including four other children, Harry of Flint, William, Jr. of Denver, James and Dorothy Bloom both of Ypsilanti, their spouses, 18 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild, all were actively involved in celebrating the Liturgy. Jeff and Scott Davis were acolytes for their grandparents' Anniversary Mass. Mr. "Bud" Kinsel was the commentator - lector of the celebration which was accompanied by Miss Marie Stachlewitz at the organ, Mrs. Carol Zakrzewski, guitarist, and Sister Mary O'Connell, soloist and song leader. The Offertory

gifts were presented to the couple by Mr. and Mrs. Herman Schwall and Mrs. Mary Kinsel.

Mr. Davis, a recent convert to our community, and his wife, Rose first spoke their wedding vows on February 12, 1923 in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania. They came to Ypsilanti in 1942. Even though as a parish community we have extended our congratulations to the jubilarians during the Anniversary Mass in January, we rejoice especially with a couple who have given so much to so many throughout these fifty years. A particularly appropriate tribute to Bill and Rose came from their children and was printed in the Mass booklet which the family had prepared. We add our "amen" to their thoughts.

"Your love has grown for 50 years
Through fun and laughter and often tears.

But, through it all, you've both been great.
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IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

We extend our prayerful sympathy to two families who have suffered bereavement during the past week.

Marion Trainon Waldrop, age 26, died on Thursday, February 8. The Mass of the Resurrection was concelebrated for Trainon by Fr. King and Fr. Harvey on Saturday. Burial followed in Udell Cemetery.

Trainon, received into our community last December, is survived by his wife, Jackie and a small son and daughter. His parents, as well as brothers and sisters also survive.

On Saturday, February 10, John M. Burkheirser dies at the age of 85. Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated by Fr. Harvey on Tuesday with burial following in St. John's Cemetery.

Mr. Burkheirser is survived by his wife Hazel and a daughter Betty. Grandchildren and great - grandchildren also survive. A sister, Elizabeth Burkheiser, who also survives, is a long time member of our parish.

May they share the fullness of new life in Christ!

PENANCE SERIES

The third and final session of the Penance Series will be held this Thursday, February 22, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Parish Center Library. Father King and Father Harvey have helped us to understand dimensions of Christian Morality, Penance, and sin in the first two sessions. This last session will be concerned with "Children and Penance." Sister Sheila will discuss a child's ability to participate in the sacrament, material which is being presented in the children's classes, and the parents' role in preparing their child for Penance. This meeting is especially geared to parents of fourth graders. Hopefully all will attend.

FATHER-SON COMBINATION

MAGICIAN'S DRUG PRESENTATION
HIGHLIGHT OF MEETING

The Federation of Women's Clubs Meeting was hosted by St John's this month on Tuesday, February 13 in the parish hall. The main highlight of the meeting was a presentation by 17 year old, Jeff Wawrzaszek, son of Mary and Frank Wawrzaszek of our parish. Jeff's show is a combination of information on the harmful effects of drugs on the human body and a steady stream of magical effects to stress his point. The outcome is a clear understanding of drug effects and the highest commendation for this young man who had spent long hours researching, practicing, and perfecting material in order to help others

A NEED REFLECTS
PERSONAL CONCERN

Frank Wawrzaszek, chairman of Partner's Rehabilitation Education Project (PREP), is also interested in dealing with concerns which permit an exchange of ideas and resources between countries, especially in the Dominican Republic where he has personally observed programs. He is presently eager to accept donations of needed materials such as camping lanterns to provide lighting in schools where many days no provision is made for electricity, and educational toys such as puzzles, blocks, and elementary mechanical toys, to provide early stimulus to slow learners. Call to make your donation at his office at 232 Rackham on the EMU campus. More information on this project can be found in THE PRESS, February 12 issue.

PARISH CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, February 18
- 9:00 a.m. Pre-School Classes, Parish Center
- 9:00 And 11:00 a.m. Masses - Babysitting Services, Rm 5, Parish Center
- After 9:00 and 11:00 Masses - Coffee and Doughnuts, Parish Hall
- 6:30 To 8:00 p.m. - Sr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

MONDAY, February 19
- 4:30 p m. Girls' Junior Troop 364 meets in Center Lunchroom
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts - Church Hall
- 7:00 To 8:00 p.m. - Jr. High School Religious Education Classes, Parish Center

TUESDAY, February 20
- 7:00 p m. Monthly Tuesday Teen Center Activities
- 7:30 p.m. Liturgy Preparation, Rm. 9 - Parish Center
- 7:30 p.m. Convert Classes, Parish Center Library

WEDNESDAY, February 21
- 4:30 To 5:30 p m. Elementary

Religious Education Program B
7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center
8:00 p.m. Worship Commission Meeting, Rm. 9, Parish Center
THURSDAY, February 22
7:30 p.m. Meeting for parents of those making First Confession, Parish Center Library
8:00 p.m. Administration Meeting, Rectory
FRIDAY, February 23
9:00 To 12:00 Evening Teen Dance, Parish Hall - $1.50 fee
SATURDAY, February 24
10:30 a.m. Youth Choir Practice, Rm. 9, Parish Center

ANNOUNCEMENTS

...St. Anthony's Mother's Club will be sponsoring a Card Party on February 28th in the Fr. Folta Building at 409 W. Columbia, in Belleville, at 7:30 p.m. The donation is $1.25. There will be refreshments and prizes. Tickets may be reserved in advance by calling Sophia Zoller (after 6:00 p.m.) at 699-3155 or Shirley Gignac at 697-9604 or may be purchased at the door.

...A Spaghetti Dinner will be held at Immaculate Conception Church, 420 North St., Milan, on Sunday, February 25 from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. Adult tickets are $1.50, children $.75, and there are special family rates. The dinner is being sponsored by the Juniors and Seniors of the parish.

...SINGLE CATHOLIC ADULTS - A Mystery Trip is planned for February 18th. Dress warmly, bring ice skates, and meet at St. Francis parking lot at 1:00 p.m. See you there.

...Holy Trinity Chapel is also sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, February 25 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. ALL YOU CAN EAT - for children 12 and under $.75 and adults $1.25.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, February 19, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Herbert M. Shepherd, req. by Michelle Shepherd
TUESDAY, February 20, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. Martha Spayth and Algia Hinkley, req. by Mr. & Mrs. H J. McClure
WEDNESDAY, February 21, 1973 - Weekday
7:00 a.m. David A. Livernois, req. by Mr Daniel Livernois
THURSDAY, February 22, 1973 - Chair of St. Peter
7:00 a m Walter F. Slowik, req. by Mr & Mrs. Louis Slowik
FRIDAY, February 23, 1973 - St. Polycarp, bishop-martyr
7:00 a.m. John Filant, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Al Wierzbicki
SATURDAY, February 24, 1973 - Weekday
9:00 a.m. Clarence Laurain, req. by Mr. & Mrs. James Laurain
5:00 p.m. Charles K. Stein, req. by Mary Stein and Family
SUNDAY, February 25, 1973
7:00 a.m. Myron Lawrence, req by Rose Haner, Helen Reddaway, Rita Weaks, Margaret Haden and Freda Thomas
9:00 a.m. Matilda Ann Riley, Anniv., req. by Edward D. Riley
11:00 a.m. Charles Racine, req by Don Racine
12:30 p.m. Intention of Celebrant

ALTAR BOY SCHEUDLE
Week of February 18, 1973

WEEKDAY MASSES - 7:00 a.m.
SATURDAY MORNING MASS - 9:00 a.m.
TEAM I - Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - David Gallesero and Greg Gillman
TEAM II - Thursday, Friday, Saturday - Jeff and Rick Steeby
SATURDAY, February 24, 1973
5:00 p.m. Jerry Moses and David Gallesero
SUNDAY, February 25, 1973
7:00 a.m. Rick Steeby and Jeff Steeby
9:00 a.m. Jerry Sullivan and Pat Sullivan
11:00 a.m. Ronald Bureau and Joe Slater
12:30 p.m. Chuck Gannon and Mark Brown
WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS
Tim O'Hara and Mike Prevost
Peter Burgard and Jim Sullivan
Tim Motto and John Baxter

BABYSITTING SCHEDULE
February 25, 1973
9:00 a.m. Kris Konz, Jan Eberts, Karin Wawrzaszek
11:00 a.m. Tammy Gannon, Judy and Patty Burns

COMMENTATOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 24, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . Ted Birdsall
SUNDAY, February 25, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Don Racine
9:00 a.m. . . . . Dick Wagner
11:00 a.m. . . . . Phil Stokes

LECTOR SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, February 24, 1973
5:00 p.m. . . . . James Baker
SUNDAY, February 25, 1973
7:00 a.m. . . . . Frank Wawrzaszek
9:00 a.m. . . . . Lee Sanford
11:00 a.m. . . . . Vera Clyne

WEDDING BANNS

- III -
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HOLYDAY LITURGY
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